

# Town Topics

SEPTEMBER 2008

## FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAIRMAN:

As usual, this summer is going by fast and has not been short of activities. Sanitary Sewer lines, in the rural residential areas of Lindale, Sherwood and Ridge road are being put in place in conjunction with the town and city boundary line agreement. A reminder to everyone in Town of Turtle, please maintain your septic systems properly. If you need to hook up and annex to the city of Beloit (in the town islands), you're still our neighbor and will always be a part of the Town of Turtle community. If anyone has problems with your septic in the town islands, contact the Town of Turtle to find out your options. I compliment the Cemetery Committee, the Highway Department, and the Fall Festival Group for this summer's stone restoration project. The very nice \$10,000 stone restoration project has begun with the Turtleville Cemetery and on to the Shopiere Cemetery, with Keven Remillard of LLS Cleancut doing the restoration. Also a special thank you is extended to the Fall Festival Group, for the donation of \$5,000 to the stone restoration. Blacktop projects have been completed on Colley Road and Buss Road and with the wet summer, the Highway Department has been doing a nice job on ditching for storm water run-off. The Turtle Fireman's Dance is coming up in September. It's always good to see people come together like the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. I hope to see everyone at the Fireman's Dance to support the families of the volunteer firemen. All proceeds go to the fire department. Enjoy the rest of your summer and drive safely – school is starting. – Dan DeLong, Chairman

**THANK YOU for another successful 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration this year!** Despite all the rain, we made it through and certainly could not have done it without the generous support of the community. We hope you and your family enjoyed the celebration as much as we did and look forward to seeing everyone again next year. We'd love to hear from you with new ideas, comments and/or suggestions. Please give any of the committee members a call and/or join us by attending our monthly meetings, held the third Thursday of each month starting this September. - Melissa Haseman, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee

**FIREMAN'S DANCE** – The Turtle Fire Dept. will host a Fireman's Dance on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Dance will feature music from The Stateline Playboys. Food (pork sandwich) and drink will be available. There will be 50/50 raffles held throughout the evening. Dance will be at the fire station, 5131 E. Creek Road. (Shopiere) rain, or shine starting at 7:00 p.m. and ending at midnight. Come out and join the fun! Contact Michael @ 608-289-3650 with any questions. – Michael Kirchner – Fire Department

## HOW ABOUT A GIFT THAT RECYCLES?

With the holidays around the corner here are some tips to reduce waste: 1) Gifts that help others make a difference-cloth napkins with matching tablecloth, cloth or string shopping bags, compost bin, lunch box, picnic basket cups, plates and utensils, push mower, rechargeable alkaline batteries/charger, refillable pen/pencil set, reusable storage containers and stationery made from recycled paper. 2) Give gifts that save water and energy such as: compact fluorescent light bulbs, insulated bed pads for waterbeds, pool/hot tub blankets, water heater blankets and water saving faucets and showerheads. 3) Living Gifts-houseplants, potted evergreens, seeds for spring planting and your time for child care, cooking a meal, etc. 4) Also make edible ornaments and write holiday greeting on cookies, make origami ornaments from used wrapping paper, place gifts in decorative tins, baskets, or bags, reuse greeting paper, boxes, ribbons, and bows. Use old jewelry to make new jewelry, art and decorations. – Deb Bennett, Recycling

**WHAT ABOUT COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHTS (CFLs)?** Compact fluorescent light bulbs offer many benefits when compared to incandescent light bulbs. They use 2/3 less energy and last up to 10 times longer. CFLs do however contain trace amounts of mercury. At the end of their life, CFLs should be disposed of properly. **Do not** throw your CFLs away with the household garbage. This increases the chances for breakage and potential contamination. Janesville or Beloit areas **will not accept** CFLs at their site. Currently Ace Hardware stores of Janesville and Beloit are accepting CFLs for safe disposal. There are websites for more information such as [recycleyourcfl.com](http://recycleyourcfl.com) or [earth922.org](http://earth922.org). – Michael McCabe, Safety Committee.

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**What's Happening in the Neighborhood?** My name is Megan Mary Martin and a senior at Clinton High School. I have lived in the same house on Fox Hollow Road, in Southeastern Turtle Township, my whole life. I have always enjoyed the scenery and peacefulness of living in the woods. My favorite part of being in a wooded area is access to the creek in my backyard. My neighbors, who are also some of my best friends, and I would go to the creek and spend hours playing in the water and exploring the great outdoors. The area was perfect because my friends and I were able to play games of baseball and Frisbee in the street where there was very little traffic. Of course, over the years, more houses

are being put up that hindered our street playing days. Although there is more traffic, that meant more people, which meant more kids to play with. Living in a subdivision outside of town makes a car necessary for me because I am involved in many different activities such as volleyball, softball, parades, work and obviously, hanging out with my friends. I have also made many trips up north this year for vacation to go fishing and swimming, and also to Great America. So even though the summer is almost over, I am excited to get back to school and see everyone, play volleyball and softball again, and most importantly, finish up high school. – Megan Martin

**FALL FESTIVAL** will be hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Event, Oct. 4, 2008 at the Turtle Community Center. The events are focused on the children this year with many planned activities, starting at 12 noon. Food and drinks will be available for a nominal fee. We are asking for you to consider donating money and/or prizes to be awarded to the children participating in the games. All donations will be tax deductible. All donations will be credited by a posting of all donor names on a signboard for all adults to view. All donations would be greatly appreciated. – Tom Straub, Fall Festival Group

**Calender of Events and Meetings** - All meetings are conducted in the Town of Turtle Community Center. – Questions call 362-0166.

**Sept. 3, 2008** - Cemetery Committee 7:00 p.m.  
- Safety Committee 7:00 p.m.  
- Court – 6:00 p.m.

**Sept. 9, 2008** - Fall Primary Election 7:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

**Sept. 10, 2008** - Town Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**Sept. 18, 2008** - Planning Committee 7:00 p.m.

**Sept. 20, 2008** - Fireman Dance 7:00p.m. – midnight

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